

## FOST #4: Depot property ready for transfer

The fourth Finding of Suitability to Transfer (OST) document has been signed by the Department of Army, clearing the way for approximately 41 acres of land on the east side of Dunn Field to be transferred to the City of Memphis.

The property identified in FOST #4 consists of open grassed areas, paved and gravel roads, and railroad tracks. This property was identified in the Dunn Field ROD as available for unrestricted reuse. While the City's plans for the land are still to be confirmed, the property is being transferred for use as a park (17 acres), for Hays Road improvements (2 acres) and for other transportation uses (22 acres).

The FOST process is a requirement of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Act to transfer the ownership of federal property for community redevelopment. FOST #4 includes a report that details the historic uses

of the property including environmental impacts and cleanup remedies.

To date, 422 acres of former federal property have been made available for transfer, including 332 acres at the Memphis Depot Business Park, where buildings and open areas are being redeveloped for commercial and light-industrial activities.

A copy of FOST #4 can be reviewed in the Depot's two Information Repositories, located at the Depot and the Cherokee Ranch Library. For more information on the economic improvement programs at the Memphis Depot Business Park, contact the Depot Redevelopment Corporation at (901) 942-4939. □

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS UPDATE New Community Involvement Plan

The Defense Distribution Center (DDC) has released its new Community Involvement Plan (CIP) that outlines the steps that will be taken to keep the community informed throughout the environmental cleanup program at the former Memphis Depot.

The Depot first developed an interim Community Relations Plan (CRP) in 1997 to help identify community concerns, facilitate communication regarding environmental issues, and encourage community involvement in the decision-making process. That plan was published in 1999 as a five-year document with input from community interviews and focus groups.

Since then, significant progress has been made in the environmental cleanup program. The Remedial Investigations, Feasibility Studies and Records of Decision (RODs) have been completed for the Main Installation and for Dunn Field.

Community interviews were conducted again in June 2004 to assess the progress of the communication activities described in the 1999 CRP. The results of the community interviews conducted in 2004 indicate that, overall, community stakeholders are satisfied with the environmental cleanup of the Depot. They are satisfied with the information they receive and the work being done. Awareness levels are very high, with nearly everyone expressing some knowledge of the environmental issues.

The focus of the updated CIP is to help the environmental team keep the community informed of the progress being made during the cleanup.

### Key objectives of the CIP are to:

- Fulfill information availability requirements using vehicles such as Information Repositories (IRs), and the Administrative Record (AR) online – [www.adminrec.com/DLA.asp](http://www.adminrec.com/DLA.asp)

- Build community interest in the cleanup through RAB meetings (May, October 2005), EnviroNews (July 2005), Public Briefings (January, July 2005), Community Information Sessions (February 2005), and Fact Sheets
- Build awareness about community involvement opportunities with Fact Sheets, Media Relations, and the Depot website at [www.ddc.dla.mil/memphis](http://www.ddc.dla.mil/memphis)
- Maintain regular information channels through the Community Relations Specialist, Public Briefings, Community Information Sessions, EnviroNews, Fact Sheets, IRs, and the Depot website

A copy of the new CIP is available for public review in the Information Repositories, or online at [www.ddc.dla.mil/Memphis/whatsnew.asp](http://www.ddc.dla.mil/Memphis/whatsnew.asp). For more information, contact the Depot's Community Relations Office at (901) 774-3683.

### Information Repositories Consolidated

The Memphis Depot has consolidated its Information Repositories (IRs) into two locations:

- The Memphis Depot Business Park
- Memphis/Shelby County Public Library Cherokee Branch

The IR formerly located at the Memphis/Shelby County Health Department, which was used infrequently by the public, has been closed.

### Visit our website at

[www.ddc.dla.mil/memphis/docs/IRdocuments.htm](http://www.ddc.dla.mil/memphis/docs/IRdocuments.htm) for a list of technical reports and environmental data included in the Depot's IRs. BRAC Cleanup Team minutes and Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting minutes can be viewed online at [www.ddc.dla.mil/Memphis/bct.asp#minutes](http://www.ddc.dla.mil/Memphis/bct.asp#minutes) and [www.ddc.dla.mil/Memphis/RAB.asp#minutes](http://www.ddc.dla.mil/Memphis/RAB.asp#minutes). □

### Summer 2005

Complete Dunn Field Disposal Sites Remedial Action  
Conduct Main Installation Remedial Design (RD) Public Briefing

### Winter 2005/06

Begin Main Installation RA – Enhanced Bioremediation  
Complete Source Area RD – Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) and Zero-Valent Iron (ZVI) Injection  
Submit Disposal Sites RA Completion Report

### 2006

- Conduct Source Area RD Public Briefing
- Begin Source Area Remedial Action
- Complete Off-Depot Groundwater Remedial Design – Permeable Reactive Barrier (PRB) and ZVI

### 2007

- Conduct Off-Depot Groundwater RD Public Briefing
- Begin Off-Depot Groundwater RA

### 2008

- Receive Operating Properly and Successfully (OPS) determination from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the Main Installation RA
- Conduct a Public Comment Period for the Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) #5 (remainder of MI)

### 2009

- Receive OPS determination for the Source Area and Off-Depot Groundwater RAs
- Conduct a Public Comment Period for FOST #6 (remainder of Dunn Field)

These dates are based on current information and are subject to change. The Depot's environmental team will keep the community informed of the progress on the cleanup program through our regular community outreach activities such as public briefings, community information sessions, Restoration Advisory Board meetings, media releases, fact sheets and future issues of EnviroNews.

For more information, please contact the Community Relations Office at (901) 774-3683.